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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for election of species dated October 1, 2002,
Applicants have elected a species and request that the following preliminary
amendment be entered in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 35 and 36.

35. (New) A method according to Claim 7 wherein said antimicrobial tetracycline is administered in an amount that is effective to reduce the risk of cataract development in a mammal but has substantially no antibacterial activity.

36. (New) A method according to Claim 24 wherein said antimicrobial tetracycline is administered in an amount that is effective to treat cataract formation in a mammal but has substantially no antibacterial activity.